



FarmFolk CityFolk

Seed Security Program Support – LFS 496 Summer Term 2023

Mentor: David Catzel

Position Location: PO BOX 22316 RPO Cedar Cottage Vancouver, BC.

Hours: 9 hours a week for 6 months starting May 2023

Credits: 6 credits

Course Background

The Career Development Course aims to engage UBC students with their local food system and create opportunities to experience the working environment of a food sustainability focused organization. Students work alongside their mentor, food systems practitioners and faculty to increase their understanding and knowledge of food systems work, from organic agriculture to food production methods, food-focused community engagement, and business management.

Position Details

The Seed Security Program Support student will assist with hands-on farming of seed crops and variety trials at our farm in Abbotsford, as well as supporting other program areas including seed cleaning, field days and educational events, seed library support, and school seed stewardship projects.

Learning Goals

The student will learn how to grow and produce a variety of seed crops with the support of a seed team coordinator at our Research and Education Seed Farm in Abbotsford. As well as hands-on farming work, the student will support other programs, communicating virtually with members of the BC Seed Security team throughout the province. The student will learn how complex food system changes take multiple overlapping programs to address, engaging both those who grow food and those who eat it.

Qualifications

- Must be a UBC student intending to register for LFS 496 for Summer 2023 term
- Must pass a criminal record check for working with children and vulnerable populations

- Interest in and willingness to learn about urban farming, community education and nonprofits
- Education and/or experience in gardening, farming, ecology, or related fields preferred
- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Able to follow policies and procedures to ensure participant and staff health and safety

How to Apply

Submit a resume and cover letter to bcseeds@farmfolkcityfolk.ca.

All applications should clearly refer to the “LFS 496 Career Development Course” when applying.

The cover letter should include an introduction, share why you want this position, and what you hope to gain from the position if accepted. Cover letters should be no more than 500 words.

Application deadline **March 31st, 2023**.

About FarmFolk CityFolk

FarmFolk CityFolk Society has been working to inspire and equip people to eat food that nourishes themselves and the planet since 1993. We are BC’s oldest and largest food and agriculture charitable non-profit organization.

Our programs go from seed to plate—engaging a network of farmers, seed growers, researchers, food system advocates, policymakers, community partners, chefs, and eaters. Together, we are creating food systems in BC that are strong, sustainable, and resilient. Our programs celebrate local food and connect people with the farmers who grow it. We support BC farmers to use local seed and to grow food in ways that mitigate climate change and protect biodiversity.

Learn more at <http://farmfolkcityfolk.ca>.